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**PATENT APPLICATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : François GIRARD et al. )  
Appln. No. : 09/994,783 ) Group Art Unit 3728  
Filed : November 28, 2001 ) Examiner Anthony Stashick  
For : SOLE FOR BOOT, IN PARTICULAR ) Confirmation No. 8368  
A SPORTS BOOT, A METHOD OF )  
MANUFACTURING SAME, AND )  
A BOOT HAVING SUCH A SOLE )

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**In the Claims**

Please amend claim 16 as follows:

a 16. (Amended) A sole according to claim 1, wherein the reinforcement has a sandwich structure having a thickness less than or equal to 3 mm.

Please add new claim 39 as follows:

a2 -- 39. A sole according to claim 1, further comprising a plate to reinforce the sole, said plate having a shape corresponding substantially to a planar projection of a human foot. --

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